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THE POSITION OF AN EDGE OF A PATTERN ELEMENT ON A
A SUBSTRATE

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
AQ	Semi entitled "Pattern Placement Metrology for Mask Making" by Dr. Carola Blaesing, March 31, 1998,
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